foodgrains per month are to be provided free of cost to the beneficiary. The States who are in the process of identifying the beneficiaries have been advised to expedite the process for the implementation of the Scheme. Beneficiaries of Annapurna Yojana

4065. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of State-wise beneficiaries in the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 of Annapurna Scheme introduced in 1999-2000;

(b) the amount of money spent State-wise during the above two years;

(c) whether the senior citizens eligible for the National Age Pension Scheme are also covered in this; and

(d) if so, what is the number ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Annapurna Scheme was introduced in the year 2000-01. The States of Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have informed that they are not implementing the Annapurna Scheme. The number of beneficiaries in those States which are implementing the Scheme and the expenditure incurred by them are given in the statement, *(See* below). The remaining States are still in the process of identifying the beneficiaries.

(c) and (d) To be eligible for the benefit under the Annapurna Scheme, the senior citizens should be destitutes, aged 65 years and above and though eligible to receive pension under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), are currently not receiving it. The Scheme aims at covering, in the first instance, only 20% of the persons targeted for coverage under NOAPS.

Statement

State-wise number of beneficiaries and expenditure incurred in 2001

States/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure incurred in 2000-01 (Rs. in crores)
Andhra Pradesh	93200	7.35
Kerala	44980	0.53
Orissa	51176	3.12

States/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure incurred in 2000-01 (Rs . in crores)
Mizoram	1000	0.09
Nagaiand	2600	0.56
Rajasthan	53869	5.89
Sikkim	2411	0.21
Tripura	11480	0.55
Uttar Pradesh	206870	11.01
Uttaranchal	12609	0.17
Himacha! Pradesh	3426	0.19
TOTAL	483621	29.67

Sanction of Rs. 58,200 crore for rural road development programme

4066. DR. KARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have lately cleared a Rs. 58,200 crore rural road development programme;

(b) if so, the State-wise allocation thereof;

(c) the steps taken to ensure development of rural roads commensurate with the expenditure made thereon; and

(d) the targets for rural road development fixed under the contemplated programme ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) Government have been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from the year, 2000-2001. While the State/ Union Territory-wise allocations for the current year are in the process of being determined, the State/UT authorities have been advised that, at this stage, the available funds for the year 2001- 02 may not exceed the last year's allocation.

The road works under the PMGSY are to be executed according to standard specifications, within the prescribed time-frame. The Programme seeks to provide connectivity, by way of good All-weather Roads, to Unconnected